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### INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 06975-228WO1	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/US02/30730	International filing date (day/month/year) 27 September 2002 (27.09.2002)	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 27 September 2001 (27.09.2001)
Applicant AMERICA ONLINE, INC.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

#### 1. Basis of the Report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

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the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title,



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5. With regard to the abstract,



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the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 6



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because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☐ None of the figures

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### Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

The technical features mentioned in the abstract do not include a reference sign between parentheses (PCT Rule 8.1(d)).

Personalizing communications for a first communication platform (602a) includes accessing status information for communications session by a communications identity that leverage a first communication platform (602a) other than an instant messaging platform. A participant list associated with the communication identity and the first communication platform is passively configured (642) to persistently reflect a list of participant identities from communication sessions in which the communication identity recently participated using the communication platform. Personalizing communications also includes accessing status (640) information for instant messaging sessions involving an instant messaging identity and passively configuring a buddy group (642) associated with the instant messaging identity to persistently reflect a list of participant identities from instant messaging sessions in which the instant messaging identity recently participated.

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## C. (Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A,P	EP 1176840 A1 (DeVries) 30 January 2002 (30.01.2002), col. 5 line 15- col. 14- line 41	2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 13,14,15,17,24,36-40, 42- 44,47,48,53,54,55,57, 64,76- 80,81,95,120,145
A	US 6,425,012 B1 (Trovato et al.) 23 July 2002 (23.07.2002) col. 4 lines 16-63	1-94
A	US 6,415,318 B1 (Aggarwal et al) 02 July 2002 (02.07.2002) col. 10 line 27- col. 12 line 17	1-169
A	US 5,850,594 A (Cannon et al.) 15 December 1998 (15.12.1998) col. 2 line 40 -col. 4 line 8	1, 41, 81, 95, 120, 145
A,P	LP Wireless Inc. "The LP Wireless Messenger" 2001 all	1-169

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : G06F 15/16, 17/30

US CL : 709/204-207, 227

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 709/204-207, 227

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 6,269,369 B1 (Robertson) 31 July 2001 (31.07.2001), col. 4 line 16- col. 6 line 5 col. 6 lines 40-57 col. 8 lines 1-10 col. 8 line 57- col. 9 line 4 Appendix A	1,5,6,11-15,41,45,46, 51-55, 81, 85, 86, 91, 92
X	US 5,870,744 A (Sprague) 09 February 1999 col. 2 line 50- col. 3 line 40, col. 4 line 20- col. 5 line 9, col. 5 line 21-26, col. 5 line 52- col. 6 line 24, col. 5 line 66- col. 7 line 6, col. 7 line 18- col. 8 line 47, col. 8 line 57- col. 9 line 12.	1-3, 13, 14, 21-24, 30- 40, 41-43, 53,54, 61- 64, 70-80
A		81-83, 95, 120, 145

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☐ See patent family annex.

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